

fund upgrades to state and local public laboratories, which are essential to our nation's testing capacity as we work to control and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The infrastructure investments in the Moving Forward Act create good-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced, promote economic growth, reduce our greenhouse emissions, and expand broadband to communities across the country. I'm proud to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to join me in voting for it.

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#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the Columbia Business Report of June 22 reported another success of the University of South Carolina with the leadership of President Bob Caslen.

#### U.S.C. IS AMONG THE TOP 100 WORLDWIDE FOR PATENTS RECEIVED BY FACULTY

The University of South Carolina ranked among the top 100 universities worldwide for number of U.S. utility patents received by faculty members in 2019, marking the eighth consecutive year the university made the top 100.

USC ranked 90th in the world in 2019 with faculty named as the lead on 31 patents, according to a news release from the university.

The annual list (.pdf) has been published by the National Academy of Inventors and the Intellectual Property Owners Association since 2013. Rankings are based on the number of utility patents granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that list a university as the first assignee.

"Our faculty's ability to create new technologies and innovate year after year is one of our great strengths as a university," said Bill Kirkland, executive director of USC's Office for Innovation, Partnership and Economic Engagement. "Their continued contributions to scientific discovery ultimately improve the quality of life not just our state, but all over the world."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following votes due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; YEA on Roll Call No. 128; and YEA on Roll Call No. 129.

#### RECOGNIZING FRANCKY PIERRE- PAUL

#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Francky Pierre-Paul, a

local hero from Florida's 21st Congressional District that has gone above and beyond as a tireless advocate for the homeless community in Palm Beach County.

Francky has become a familiar and friendly face to those in our community experiencing homelessness. Before COVID-19, Francky would go to John Prince Park once a month with a mobile shower, hold clothing and food drives, and offer haircuts to the people who live there. He would also frequently go to Palm Beach County Commission meetings and speak on behalf of the John Prince Park homeless community. Since the pandemic started, however, Francky has only become more generous with his time. In fact, he has now started going to John Prince Park two-to-three times every day to distribute food and resources to those in need.

Francky's selflessness and compassion during this difficult time is truly humbling. His outstanding work has touched countless lives, and I am so thankful for his dedication to our community. I am proud to honor him today.

#### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF MR. BOBBY J. MORROW

#### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Mr. Bobby J. Morrow and recognize his achievements as a three-time Olympic gold medalist.

Mr. Morrow was a resident of San Benito, TX for much of his life. He attended San Benito High School, where he excelled athletically in both track and football. Following graduation, Mr. Morrow was a sprinter for Abilene Christian University, where he would go on to break and defend records on the national collegiate scale.

At just 21 years old, Mr. Morrow travelled to Melbourne, Australia, for the 1956 Olympics to represent the United States of America. Mr. Morrow would win three gold medals in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and 4x100-meter relay—even going so far as to break the world record in the relay, and match it in the 200-meter dash. His success on the collegiate and Olympic levels earned him the Sports Illustrated's title of "Sportsman of the Year" in 1956. He would also collect the Amateur Athletic Union's James E. Sullivan Award in 1957 before being inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1975.

Bobby Morrow was not only a talented athlete, but also a kind and giving man. He donated all of his Olympic medals in hopes of inspiring others to pursue their own dreams. Mr. Morrow is survived by his longtime, loving partner of 20 years, Judy Parker of Harlingen, TX, his five children, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

His rare talent and character are remembered throughout San Benito and the 34th Congressional District of Texas. San Benito CISD has dedicated two athletic facilities to him as a tribute to his athletic excellence and to share his inspirational story.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating and remembering the life of Mr. Morrow.

#### INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUR- FACE TRANSPORTATION IN AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 30, 2020*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. This vital legislation makes critical investments in our nation's transportation, upgrades our drinking water and energy systems, and builds new hospitals, schools, and homes.

My constituents in Metro Atlanta know all too well that we have fallen behind in building for the future. Every day, we waste time and gasoline in some of the worst traffic in America. We have uneven access across our region to transit and safe bicycle and pedestrian paths. Our schools and water systems struggle to keep up with the demands of our time.

We need something new. Our current system puts good jobs out of reach, good homes out of grasp, and good air out of breath. For too long, our nation's transportation system prioritized highway expansion and exclusionary legacies that result in gentrification and displacement. These transportation planning policies contribute to racial and socioeconomic disparities in income, health, education, and environment. We can and we must do better.

The bill before us puts our country on the right track. H.R. 2 is a model that builds a 21st century transportation and infrastructure foundation. It increases funding for transit expansion, highway repair, and connectivity in low-income communities. It ensures that drivers, passengers, bicyclists, and pedestrians can safely use roads. H.R. 2 also makes a down payment towards leaving a planet that is a little cleaner and a little greener for our children.

I am pleased that H.R. 2 also includes three amendments critical for my constituents in Metro Atlanta. The first amendment allows Federal funds to build noise barriers that protect older neighborhoods from highway noise. In my district, many communities predate the interstate system. Over time, these highways became wider, busier, and louder, and the trees that kept the sounds down have worn thin. Residents are sick and tired of the noise and want some peace and quiet. My no-cost amendment will improve quality of life in frustrated communities across America.

The bill also includes my proposal about disputed changes in airport ownership. This amendment enacts current rules which maintain the Federal government's neutrality on these sensitive local matters. This common-sense policy provides certainty for passengers, airlines, concessionaires, and airport employees.

Finally, I am proud to co-sponsor an effort led by my friend, Ms. NAPOLITANO of California. Our amendment overturns a Federal rule on sales taxes that uniquely affects Clayton County in my district. It would recover \$24 million per year for the county, its cities, and the Clayton County Public Schools.

When I first came to Congress, I joined what was then the House Public Works and Transportation Committee to work on many of these issues, and I am proud to continue to